AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital data effect processing method for use on a network for adding, via the network, an effect to digital data saved on a user terminal,

wherein an effect server is connected to the network via a web server, said effect server comprising a processing program adding the effect to the digital data, a calling program running in a ~~WWW~~ an Internet browser for calling said processing program, and a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

starting the ~~WWW~~ Internet browser in said user terminal to download said processing program stored in said effect server to said user terminal via the network and said web server;

reading said calling program stored in said effect server and sending the calling program to the ~~WWW server~~ Internet browser in said user terminal;

reading and starting said processing program by said calling program;

selecting one of the plurality of effect data pieces by said processing program;

downloading the selected effect data piece to said user terminal by said processing program; and on said user terminal, adding the effect to the digital data, to which the effect is to be added, by said processing program using the selected effect data.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital data effect processing system for use on a network for adding, via the network, an effect to digital data saved on a user terminal, comprising:

an effect server comprising a processing program adding the effect to the digital data, a calling program running in a WWW an Internet browser for calling the processing program, and a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types;

a web server connected to said effect server and having a WWW an Internet application providing data displayable by the WWW Internet browser in the a terminal connected via the network; and

said user terminal storing therein the WWW Internet browser and connected to said web server via the network using the WWW Internet browser,

wherein said user terminal starts the WWW Internet browser to download said processing program stored in said effect server and, at the same time, downloads said calling program to start said processing program, and

wherein said processing program selects one of the plurality of effect data pieces, downloads the selected data piece from said effect server, and adds the effect to the digital data, to which the effect is to be added, using the selected effect data.

3. (Currently Amended) A digital data effect processing system for use on a network, said system adding an effect, over the network, to digital data saved on a service provider terminal in response to a processing request from a user terminal, comprising:

an effect server comprising a processing program adding the effect to the digital data, a

calling program running in a WWW an Internet browser for calling said processing program, and

a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing

types;

a web server connected to said effect server and having a WWW an Internet application

providing data displayable by the WWW Internet browser in the a terminal connected via the

network;

said service provider terminal storing therein the WWW Internet browser and connected

to said web server via the network using the WWW Internet browser; and

said user terminal sending the effect processing request to said service provider terminal

via the network,

wherein said service provider terminal starts the WWW Internet browser in response to

the request from said user terminal, downloads said processing program stored in said effect

server, and downloads said calling program to start said processing program, and

wherein said processing program selects one of the plurality of effect data pieces,

downloads the selected data piece from said effect server, and adds the effect to the digital data,

to which the effect is to be added, using the selected effect data.

4. (Currently Amended) An effect server connected to a network to which a user terminal is

connected, comprising:

processing program storing means for storing a processing program which will be downloaded to said user terminal by a WWW an Internet browser in said user terminal for adding an effect to digital data saved on said user terminal;

calling program storing means for storing a calling program which will be downloaded to said user terminal for execution in the WWW Internet browser in said user terminal and which calls said processing program; and

effect data storing means for storing a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types, one of said plurality of effect data pieces being selected by said processing program and being downloaded to said user terminal.

5. (Currently Amended) A user terminal connected to a network to which an effect server is connected, comprising:

digital data storing means for storing digital data to which an effect is to be added;

a WWW an Internet browser which downloads a processing program stored in said effect server and adding the effect to the digital data and which reads a calling program stored in said effect server to call and start said processing program; and

processing control means for selecting, by said processing program, one of a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types, for downloading the selected effect data piece, and for adding the effect to the digital data, to which the effect is to be added, using the selected effect data piece.

6. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording therein an effect processing program for use on a network for adding, via the network, an effect to digital data saved on a user terminal, wherein the program causes a computer to:

start a WWW an Internet browser stored in said user terminal and connect the WWW Internet browser, via the network, to a web server to which an effect server is connected, said effect server comprising a processing program adding the effect to the digital data, a calling program running in the WWW Internet browser for calling said processing program, and a plurality of effect data pieces each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types;

download said processing program stored in said effect server to said user terminal via the network and the web server;

read said calling program stored in said effect server and send the calling program to the WWW Internet browser in said user terminal;

read said processing program by said calling program to start said processing program;

select one of the plurality of effect data pieces by said processing program;

download the selected effect data piece to said user terminal by said processing program; and

add, on said user terminal, the effect to the digital data by said processing program using the selected effect data piece.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording therein an effect processing program for use in an effect server connected to a network to which a user terminal is connected, wherein the program causes a computer to:

download a processing program to said user terminal via the network in response to a request from said user terminal, said processing program adding an effect to digital data;

send a calling program to a ~~WWW~~ an Internet browser stored in said user terminal in response to a request from said user terminal, said calling program running in the ~~WWW~~ Internet browser and calling said processing program; and

download one of a plurality of effect data pieces, each corresponding to one of a plurality of effect processing types, to said user terminal according to a selection made by said processing program on said user terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording therein an effect processing program for use on a user terminal connected to a network to which an effect server is connected, wherein the program causes a computer to:

start a ~~WWW~~ an Internet browser and download a processing program via the network, said processing program being stored in said effect server and adding an effect to digital data;

read a calling program and receive the calling program in the ~~WWW~~ Internet browser, said calling program being stored in said effect server and running in the ~~WWW~~ Internet browser to call said processing program;

read and start said processing program by said calling program;

select one of a plurality of effect data pieces by said processing program, said plurality of

effect data pieces being stored in said effect server and each of said plurality of effect data pieces

corresponding to one of a plurality of effect types;

download the selected effect data piece from said effect server by said processing

program; and

add the effect to the digital data, to which the effect is to be added, by said processing

program using the selected effect data piece.